	Target (In lakhs)	Performance (In lakhs)	Achievement %
1986-87	12.83	11.76	88%
1987-88	12.25	11.16*	91%*

(Provisional)

Targets are being set on an estimate based on the I.C.M.R. Survey on Blindness 1971-73. Consistent achievement ranging from 85 to 91% during the last 5 years is expected to have reduced the existing workload within the population.

A fresh country-wide survey of Blindness is currently in progress to re-assess the magnitude of the problem.

Tenders for sale of articles in Rail Yatri Niwas, New Delhi

1907. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM:
SHRI M. VINCENT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Railway Board directive No. 78/T.G. III/600/297/MA dated the 30th April, 1981 and 23rd May, 1981, the misc. articles contract can only be awarded under licensing system by calling the applications;

(b) if so, what are the grounds the Northern Railway called tenders for providing shops for the sale of misc. articles and books etc., in Rail Yatri Niwas, New Delhi Railway Station; and

(c) whether Government have made any policy in this respect for calling tenders?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. These were applicable to railway stations as there was no Rail Yatri Niwas in existence at that time on Indian Railways. Keeping in view the factors like commercial viability, standrad of service etc,. decision was taken by Northern Railway to allot the contract through open tenders. No separate policy instructions have been issued to zonal railways regarding allotment of stalls at Rail Yatri Niwases.

Drugs required for Trachoma control programme

1908. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 305 given in Rajya Sabha on 27th April, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recommended Tetracycline Hcl, Hydrocortisone, Atropine and Iodoxouridine for inclusion under category I which are required for National Trachoma control programme and National Programme for control of blindness;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have also recommended for inclusion of Paracetamol and Quinine under category I for control of Malaria Eradication;

(c) whether it is a fact that Tetracycline Hcl. Hydrocortisone, Atropine, Iodoxouridine Paracetamol and Quinine under category I for control diseases;

(d) if so, names of those diseases; and

(e) whereas these drugs which are not used exclusively for control of National Health Programmes and what are the reasons that the same were recommended for inclusion under Category I and not antibiotics which are the only drugs used for STD Programme?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Hydrocortisone, Tetracycline, Atropine and Iodoxouridine in drops and ointment forms manufactured as sterile products are exclusively meant for opthalmic use. However, in other dosage forms they can be used in other diseases *viz.* skin disease in infections etc Quinine is exclusively used for Malaria. Paracetamol is used to reduce the faver and is used in Malaria. Broad spectrum antibiotics are extensively used for all bacterial infections besides STD.

Drugs under National Health Programme

1909. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 305 given in Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mental Health Programme, Diabetes Control Programme and Cancer Control Programme are also covered under National Health Programmes;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Government neither recommended these programmes to be included in Category I nor the drugs required for these programmes;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as per the Drug Policy announced in December, 1986 category I would consist of drugs required for National Health Programmes;

(d) if so, the reasons and under what circumstances Government did not recommend these programmes for inclusion under category I; and

(e) the names of other programmes and drugs required for them were not recommended by Government for inclusion under category I along with the reasons?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (d) These are not National Health Programmes and the drugs required for these were not recommended for inclusion in category I. Category I consists of drugs required for diseases covered under National Health Programmes and recommended for inclusion.

(e) Drugs required for the following National Health Programmes have not so far been recommended for inclusion in category I of the Drug Price Control Order.

1. STD Control: Drugs for STD are mainly antibiotics which are not exclusively used for this Programme. They are used extensively for other infections also and are included in category II of the Drugs Prices Control Oreder.

2. National FW Programme including Mother and Child Health: Folic Acid and Vitamin A which are used under National Family Welfare Programme covering Mother and Child Health have been included in category II of the Drugs Prices control order as they are used for other conditions also. Ferrous Sulphate being used for other purposes besides Mother and Child Health, has not been recommended for price control.

3. National AIDS Cortrol Programme: There are, as of now, no specific drugs for treatment of AIDS.